



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

January 3, 2018

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.
The Black Vault
Suite 1203
27305 West Live Oak Road
Castaic, CA 91384-4520

FOIPA Request No.: 1386181-000
Subject: EDWARDS, FRANK ALLYN

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, § 552. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemptions boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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18 pages were reviewed and 18 pages are being released.

Below you will also find additional informational paragraphs about your request. Where applicable, check boxes are used to provide you with more information about the processing of your request. Please read each item carefully.

- ☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].
- ☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.
- ☐ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

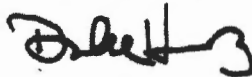
You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s), meaning the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown such additional references, if identified to the same subject of the main investigative file, usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). As such, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s) given our significant backlog. If you would like to receive any references to the subject(s) of your request, please submit a separate request for the reference material in writing. The references will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosures (2)

This letter is in response to your request for documents responsive to the subject listed above. Enclosed are 18 excised pages of information responsive to your subject. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

For your additional information, records that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request have been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). You may desire to direct a request to NARA, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference the following file numbers:

46-HQ-3505
100-HQ-373444

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

62-91814-1

March 3, 1950

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EX-99

Mr. Ralph ~~L.~~ Tyler
309 Front Street
Riverton, New Jersey

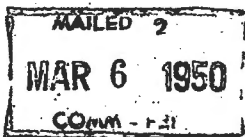
Dear Mr. Tyler:

Your letter of February 24, 1950, with enclosure, has been received and I want to thank you for your gracious message. You may be sure that your kind remarks concerning our organization and my administration of its activities are sincerely appreciated.

I am glad you called my attention to the matter pertaining to the report you heard with reference to the FDI having the authority to take investigative action in holdups in which submachine guns are used. For your information, the use of this weapon in matters of that type does not have any bearing on our organization's investigative jurisdiction.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



CC: Newark, with copy of incoming.

ATTENTION SAC: It is desired that you furnish me any data which you may discreetly obtain concerning the broadcast by Frank Edwards to which the correspondence referred. Please furnish me data in this connection under caption "Research."

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Follow-up made 4-3-50

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MAR 23 1950

Follow-up made 4-3-50
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FBI

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

309 Front Street,
Riverton, New Jersey.
February 24, 1950

Mr. Hoover:

One of the sad commentaries of our present system of life and government is that criticism and ridicule of our public officials is so prevalent and readily rushed to print, while we seldom see any kind words, or a pat on the back for a job well done unless some public opinion poll is instituted and the kind words literally dragged-out of folks.

We were not among those polled and mentioned in the attached clipping from today's N.Y. World Telegram-Sun, but we are in thorough accord with the findings and offer the personal opinion that if my circle of friends and acquaintances were polled, the percentage of favorable opinion would be much nearer the 100% mark.

Please accept my thanks for your Department's fine work and appreciation for the dignity you are able to maintain in the face of certain unfavorable and difficult conditions. In spite of my being a Republican, these appreciative words are uttered without any reluctance.

Cordially, RECORDED - 46

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R. L. TYLER

R. L. TYLER

MAR 10 1950

P.S:

What I initially started to write you about, before being carried away by enthusiasm, as above, was that last night over radio station WQR, Frank Edwards, news commentator for the A.F. of L. program, after describing a hold-up and later participation of the FBI in the resultant investigation, practically recommended that all "Stuck-ups" hereafter claim that they saw a submachine gun in the holdup men's hands, which would result in your Department taking a part in the investigation. If you obtain a copy of his script, I think you will understand why the writer, and probably everyone else who heard Edwards, got the impression that he was recommending such action through his "Tip," whether or not the persons held-up saw such weapon.

To us, it just did not sound like good reporting or good advice, and we thought the matter should be brought to your notice.

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The Gallup Poll

Hoover and FBI Win Public Vote of Confidence

Survey Answers Wire Tapping Critics

By **GEORGE GALLUP**,
Director, American Institute of
Public Opinion.

J. Edgar Hoover, under fire from left wing critics for FBI activities in wire tapping and loyalty investigation cases, is given a remarkable vote of confidence by the general public in a coast-to-coast survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion.

More than eight in every ten persons questioned in this cross-section study say that the head of the FBI has done a good job.

Crime Work Hailed.

Although recent headlines about the FBI have dealt heavily with

its antispy activities, the public singles out Mr. Hoover's work against criminals and racketeers for special praise rather than the spy work. For every voter who lauds his efforts in tracking down Communists and spies, five praise his skill in tracking down criminals.

Here is how the public's attitudes shape up in the survey:

"Do you think J. Edgar Hoover has done a good job or a poor job as head of the FBI?"

Good job _____ 79%
Poor job _____ 2
No opinion _____ 19

The small proportion of persons voicing a critical opinion of Mr. Hoover—only one in every 50—is virtually without parallel in surveys that have dealt with men in public life.

On other occasions the public has tossed bouquets to government officials but rarely has the

attitude been as favorable as that expressed in today's vote.

No Partisan Difference.

Although FBI activities have been widely discussed, with some newspapers critical of the use of wire taps in certain cases, there is little evidence that the FBI is a political issue. In today's survey, for example, Republican and Democratic voters have virtually the same attitude toward the FBI director.

Here is the vote by political preference:

	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.
Good job	83%	77%	78%
Poor job	2	2	3
No opinion	15	21	19
	100%	100%	100%

Increased Budget Favored.

The FBI would likely have little difficulty enlisting public support if it comes to a question of en-

Heavy Poll Based On Crime Work

larging the bureau to carry on investigation of Communist or subversive groups.

Last summer a survey by the institute found a 3-to-1 vote in favor of increasing the amount of money given to the FBI. The bureau has about 4000 agents.

In 1948 President Truman gave the bureau one of its most difficult assignments—checking on the loyalty of some two million federal employees. Charges of FBI "snooping" and of attempting to act as "thought police" grew out of this assignment.

But the work of the bureau itself is approved by virtually as large a vote as the job done by its director. Last August an institute survey found only one person in every 25 expressing disapproval of the FBI itself.

ENCLOSURE

62-91814-1

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 9, 1950

FROM : SAC, NEWARK

SUBJECT: FRANK EDWARDS
RESEARCH

ReBulet to RALPH L. TYLER, 309 Front Street, Riverton, New Jersey, 3/3/50, a copy of which was forwarded to Newark with instructions that the Bureau be furnished with any data which could be discreetly obtained concerning the broadcast by FRANK EDWARDS.

Attached to the copy of the Bureau's letter to Mr. TYLER was a copy of a letter dated 2/24/50 from RALPH TYLER, addressed to the Director. It is noted that in the postscript of this communication that the Broadcast to which you referred emanated from Radio Station WOR, which is located at 1440 Broadway, New York City.

Copies of both communications are being forwarded to New York and the New York Office is requested to obtain discreetly information concerning the broadcast and furnish same to the Bureau.

CC - New York - 2 Enclosures

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MAR 10 1950

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. B. Nichols *mg*

FROM : Mr. M. A. Jones *mg*

SUBJECT: FRANK EDWARDS

DATE: April 7, 1950 *g*

Mr. Tolson _____

Mr. E. A. Tamm _____

Mr. Clegg _____

Mr. Glavin _____

Mr. Ladd _____

Mr. Nichols ☒

Mr. Rosen ☒

Mr. Tracy _____

Mr. Egan _____

Mr. Gurnea _____

Mr. Harbo _____

Mr. Mohr _____

Mr. Pennington _____

Mr. Quinn Tamm _____

Tele. Room _____

Mr. Nease _____

Miss Gandy _____

By letter dated February 24, 1950, Mr. Ralph L. Tyler, 309 Front Street, Riverton, New Jersey, wrote to the Bureau expressing his high regard for the FBI's activities. In his communication he made reference to a radio broadcast over Station WOR of the Mutual Broadcasting System in which Frank Edwards, News Commentator, had referred to the FBI's investigation in holdups in which a sub-machine gun is used.

By letter dated March 22, 1950, from SAC, New York, Bureau was furnished that portion of the program which was broadcast February 23, under the sponsorship of the American Federation of Labor out of Washington, D. C.

His review of the script reflected Edwards in referring to the robbery of William Mather, Millionaire steel maker of Cleveland, Ohio, had advised that the FBI had been called into the case. Edwards made this statement in this connection: "Remember this, if you get robbed, be sure to say that you saw a sub-machine gun in one of the bandit's hands. And then, the F.B.I. will enter the case. It's a nice little angle to know."

RECOMMENDATION: It is suggested that the attached letter be transmitted to Mr. Frank Edwards pointing out the status of the FBI with reference to this investigation and particularly to sub-machine guns and the relation of this weapon to our investigative jurisdiction.

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April 7, 1950

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Mr. Frank Edwards
News Commentator
Mutual Broadcasting System
1627 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

I did want to write this note to comment with reference to your broadcast on February 28, over the facilities of the Mutual Broadcasting System.

In this regard it is to be noted that the FBI is not conducting an investigation of the robbery involving Mr. William Mather of Cleveland, Ohio, particularly wanted to point out that the jurisdiction of our organization in cases of this type is not affected by the weapons which may be carried by holders.

Your remarks with reference to the FBI's investigating cases in which a sub-machine gun is used were erroneous and I thought you might like to be furnished this information for your future guidance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, New York
 SUBJECT: FRANK EDWARDS;
 RESEARCH

DATE: March 22, 1950

Rebulet to RALPH L. TYLER, 309 Front Street, Riverton, New Jersey, dated March 3, 1950, and Newark letter to the Director dated March 9, 1950, copies of which were designated for this office.

Mr. DAVE DRISCOLL, Director of News and Special Features for Station WOR of the Mutual Broadcasting System, advised that the radio program referred to in Mr. TYLER'S letter is sponsored by the American Federation of Labor out of Washington, D.C., Monday through Friday at 10:00 P.M. over the Mutual Broadcasting System. The commentator is FRANK EDWARDS.

The portion of the program of February 23rd last of interest to the Bureau is as follows:

"Six hooded bandits filed into the home of millionaire steel maker - William Mather of Cleveland today and made off with about half a million dollars worth of jewelry. Mather, 93 years old, slept through the entire episode. His wife, 60, was forced at gunpoint to reveal the whereabouts of the knickknacks, and the bandits scooped up a nice little sackful of diamonds, sapphires, rubies and pearls, little trinkets which the steel magnate had managed to save for his old age, since the steel industry is opposed to pensions. The hooded men slipped into the house and out of it undetected through the servants' entrance. And here's a tip for you, the F.B.I. has been called into this case. Remember this, if you get robbed, be sure to say that you saw a sub-machine gun in one of the bandit's hands. And then, the F.B.I. will enter the case. It's a nice little angle to know."

cc Newark

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MAR 20 1950

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (62-0)

SUBJECT: FRANK EDWARDS
Misc. - Information Concerning

DATE: 8/25/53

The following is set forth for the information of the Bureau and WFO concerning FRANK EDWARDS, Newscaster sponsored by the American Federation of Labor who broadcasts from Washington DC at 10:00 P. M. over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

On his broadcast of 7/27/53, EDWARDS played a transcript of the voice of YONGJEUNG KIM, President of the Korean Affairs Institute, in which KIM commented for three or four minutes on the Korean truce situation. KIM expressed the opinion that in the future there should be no interference in settling Korea's internal problems, specifically referring to the United States in this regard.

Report of SA GEORGE C. MOORE, 2/27/53 at Washington DC entitled "KOREAN AFFAIRS INSTITUTE" (Bufile 100-24115) (WFO 100-14614) set forth that according to an informant the Korean Affairs Institute is a "one man show" run by YONGJEUNG KIM who is bitterly opposed to SYNGMAN RHEE and publishes a magazine, "The Voice of Korea" which, under the parade of fairness, contrasts South Korea with North Korea to the advantage of the latter. Another informant stated in 1951 that KIM has used the Korean Affairs Institute and its magazine to discredit SYNGMAN RHEE, General MacARTHUR, and CHIANG KAI-SHEK by making false reports about them. This informant was of the opinion that KIM is not a Communist, but has worked with "fellow travelers" in Korea and been used by Communists in the US to discredit RHEE and, knowingly or not, has followed the "Communist Line".

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1 - New York (Korean Affairs Institute)

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MAILED
APR 13 1960
NAME CHECK

April 12, 1960

FRANK EDWARDS
Born: October 4, 1908
Mattoon, Illinois

There is enclosed one copy each of seven reports revealing results of investigation conducted during 1943 and 1944 concerning Frank Allyn Edwards, born October 4, 1908, Mattoon, Illinois. (77-29939)

Information received in February, 1950, by this Bureau revealed that one Frank Edwards was at that time news commentator over Station WOR for the Mutual Broadcasting System under the sponsorship of the American Federation of Labor. In July, 1953, Edwards was broadcasting for the American Federation of Labor over the Mutual Broadcasting System from Washington, D. C. (62-91814)

Enclosures (7)

Orig. and one to SECRET SERVICE
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NOTE: Secret Service requested any information contained in Bureau files concerning subject.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This is in answer to your request for a check of FBI files.

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Records Branchb3
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b7E8 April, 1960

- ☐ Name Searching Unit - Room 6527
☐ Service Unit - Room 6524
☐ Forward to File Review
☐ Attention [Redacted]
☒ Return to [Redacted]

Room Ext.

Type of References Requested:

- ☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)
☐ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
☐ Subversive References Only
☐ Nonsubversive References Only
☐ Main _____ References Only

Type of Search Requested:

- ☒ Restricted to Locality of Ohio; M. Mc.
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose) Hy. sec.
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations End

Subject Edwards, Frank

Birthdate & Place _____

Address 77 main St. 1960

Localities _____

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NR	Edwards, Frank A.	
NI	94-33298-2	



September 3, 1946

SAC, Los Angeles

Director, FBI

FRANK EDWARDS

News Commentator, WIBC, Indianapolis
TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS

Reference is made to the letter to the Bureau from the Indianapolis Division dated August 21, 1946, a copy of which was transmitted to your office.

In view of the information set out therein, it is requested that you endeavor to ascertain the name of the former agent involved in order that the necessary steps may be taken to caution him against a recurrence of this nature and so that the Bureau may be apprised of his identity.

Your prompt attention to this matter is requested.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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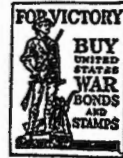
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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Indianapolis, Indiana
Post Office Box 1615



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

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August 21, 1946

Director, FBI

Re: FRANK EDWARDS,
News Commentator, WIBC, Indianapolis;
TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS

KRADIO STATION

Dear Sir:

This is to advise the Bureau that Mr. FRANK EDWARDS, who is a news commentator on Station WIBC, Indianapolis, Indiana, made a broadcast over that station in which he made a remark to the effect that during the investigation of a Hollywood comedian the FBI made use of a device on this person's telephone which enabled the FBI not only to know the conversation which transpired over the telephone, but also even after the telephone receiver was replaced all of the conversation in the room could be heard.

I discussed this matter with EDWARDS and inquired of him as to the source of his information for this broadcast and also discussed with him the advisability of making such a broadcast regardless of whether his information might or might not be true. EDWARDS indicated that after considering the matter he felt that he had probably acted without enough forethought in the matter and, considering it now, he realized that this could possibly cause some embarrassment to the Bureau regardless of whether or not his facts were well founded.

Upon inquiring as to the source of the information, EDWARDS stated that he did not wish to give me the identity of this person who gave him the story, but he did say that his source was a former FBI agent who was an accountant and who worked on the case involving the comedian CHARLIE CHAPLIN, who was under investigation by the Los Angeles Office some time ago. He stated that he had formerly been well acquainted with this Agent and on a recent trip to Los Angeles he met this person, who related to him some of the interesting experiences which he had had while in the Bureau. According to EDWARDS this Agent had worked on the Chaplin case and had told him of some of the interesting highlights which were developed as a result of this technical surveillance.

EDWARDS stated that this source is no longer in the Bureau and that he is now working with some national organization which builds pre-fabricated houses. His work has to do with the study of the building codes which are in effect in the various states.

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 cc Los Angeles

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In regard to his conversation with this former agent, EDWARDS said he felt certain that when these stories were being told him that the former agent had no idea that he might broadcast them.

EDWARDS stated that he felt rather bad over the whole incident since he realized the possible embarrassment that such a statement might cause and, the further fact, that he also felt that he had possibly committed a breach of confidence insofar as his conversation with the former agent was concerned. He indicated that he was very proud of the FBI and its accomplishments and that when he made the broadcast it was more or less in the spirit of lauding the ingenuity of the FBI. He stated that hereafter whenever he got any "bright ideas" for broadcasts he would contact the office and would be very happy to be guided by the office's suggestions.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the Los Angeles Office for its information, and this incident is being brought to the Bureau's attention with the thought in mind that when agents resign it could again be impressed upon them, either through a statement in the letter accepting their resignation or through a document which they would sign, that all information which came to their attention while they were in the service of the FBI must continue to remain confidential.

Very truly yours,


J. L. Dalton
SAC

JLD:HBC

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 26, 1946

FROM : SAC, SAINT LOUIS

SUBJECT: FRANK EDWARDS
NEWS COMMENTATOR, WIBG, INDIANAPOLIS
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Reference is made to a letter from the Director dated September 13, 1946, which revealed Mr. FRANK EDWARDS, a news commentator on Station WIBG, Indianapolis, had disclosed information in connection with one of his broadcasts relative to the operation of technical equipment in the investigation of CHARLIE CHAPLIN, which was of a highly confidential nature, presumably by some Agent who had been assigned to this investigation. The Director's letter requested that former Special Agent JAMES B. BUSHYHEAD, who presently resides in Saint Louis, be contacted concerning this matter in view of the fact that he had been engaged in this investigation. It is to be noted that Mr. JAMES B. BUSHYHEAD is now employed as Sales Promotional Manager for the Moog Piston Ring Company, 6650 Easton Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, which company is engaged in the manufacture of motor vehicle piston rings and springs, and he has been so employed since his resignation from the Bureau.

Mr. BUSHYHEAD advised that he worked on the CHARLIE CHAPLIN case with former Special Agent FRANK ANGELL, and that jointly they had interviewed many individuals. He advised that he did not know Mr. FRANK EDWARDS and further he did not know any Agent disclosing information of this, or any other type, to anyone not authorized by the Bureau.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TAVIN **ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED** DATE: 8/30/46
FROM : J. P. MOHR **HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED**
SUBJECT: FRANK EDWARDS **DATE 4-1-80 BY SP2TAP/CLS**
News Commentator, WIBC, Indianapolis
TECHNICAL INSTALLATIONS

SAC Dalton, on August 21, 1946, advised that Mr. Frank Edwards, who is a news commentator on Station WIBC, Indianapolis, Indiana, made a broadcast over that station in which he remarked to the effect that during the investigation of a Hollywood comedian (Charlie Chaplin) the FBI made use of a device on this person's telephone which enabled the FBI to know not only the conversation which transpired over the telephone, but also, even after the telephone receiver was replaced, all the conversation in the room could be heard.

COMMENTS OF FRANK EDWARDS

When inquiry was made of Mr. Frank Edwards concerning this, he indicated that after considering the matter he felt that he had probably acted without enough forethought and now realized that this could possibly cause some embarrassment to the Bureau regardless of whether or not his facts were well-founded.

Concerning the source of his information, Edwards stated that he did not wish to identify the individual who gave him the story but would say that his source was a former FBI agent, an accountant, who worked on the case involving the comedian, Charlie Chaplin, who was being investigated by the Los Angeles Office. He stated he had formerly been well-acquainted with this agent, and on a recent trip to Los Angeles he met this person, who related some of the interesting experiences which he had had while in the Bureau. Edwards stated that this source is no longer in the Bureau and that he is now working in some national organization which builds pre-fabricated houses.

Edwards stated that he felt rather bad over the whole incident since he realized the possible embarrassment that such a statement might cause and, further, that he felt that he had possibly committed a breach of confidence insofar as his conversation with this former agent was concerned. He indicated he was very proud of the FBI and its accomplishments and that when he made the broadcast it was more or less in the spirit of lauding the ingenuity of the FBI.

He stated that hereafter whenever he got any "bright ideas" for a broadcast, he would contact the office and would be very happy to be guided by the office's suggestion. He expressed the belief that when these stories were told to him, the former agent had no idea that he might broadcast them.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

SAC Dalton stated that a copy of his letter had been furnished the Los Angeles Office for its information and that the incident was being brought to the Bureau's attention with the thought in mind that when agents resign it could again be impressed upon them, either through a statement in the letter accepting their resignation or through a document which they would sign, that all information which came to their attention while they were in the service of the FBI must remain confidential.

RECOMMENDATION

There is attached for transmittal to the Los Angeles Office a letter requesting that an effort be made by that office to determine the identity of the former agent involved.

Regarding SAC Dalton's suggestion, it is felt it perhaps would be advisable to notify all SACs that when agents resign, among other things, it should again be impressed upon them that all information which came to their attention while they were in the service of the FBI must continue to remain confidential. It is felt that no additional purpose would be served by requesting that they sign a document to this effect or including such a statement in the letter accepting their resignation.

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Attachment

Director's notation: "I agree. H."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI Attention: Crime Records Division

DATE: 2/20/61

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (80-2)

SUBJECT: FRANK EDWARDS
NEWSCASTER SHOW
WTTV - CHANNEL 4
INDIANAPOLIS (APPEARANCE BY SAC)

On 2/16/61 Mr. LESTER FISHHAUT, a program director of WTTV, Channel 4, 3490 Bluff Road, Indianapolis, telephonically contacted me requesting I appear on the FRANK EDWARDS Newscast Show to be introduced by Mr. EDWARDS as the new Special Agent in Charge of the Indianapolis Office. The program would be taped, and Mr. FISHHAUT requested that if at all possible I accept for the evening of February 16 for a taping at 7:00 PM, to be broadcast the same evening at 10:30 PM. In view of this opportunity and Indianapolis indices reflecting no information of a derogatory nature re EDWARDS, his sportscaster NOAH MILLER, or the station, I accepted.

The program was taped as planned on 2/16/61 at 7:00 PM, and following his news broadcast of international and local news, FRANK EDWARDS introduced me and asked me previously prepared questions concerning the general rise in crime in the United States, the role of the FBI in the correlation of arrest data (Uniform Crime Reports), and I told two interesting items of unusual experiences of Special Agents.

In view of the appearance as one of an introduction by TV as the new SAC in Indianapolis and the fact it was taped with pre-arranged questions, I accepted; and according to Mr. EDWARDS, it was an excellent one and proceeded smoothly and with very good timing. WTTV is one of the four television channels in this area, and the FRANK EDWARDS show is reported to have an extensive news audience. I viewed the show at 10:30 PM, 2/16/61, and I am most satisfied with its results. The Bureau requested to credit one speaking appearance.

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